

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BTRA, NI

SUBJECT: I. WILSON FARRIS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, TEXAS CITY  
REFINING, INC.

REF: USDOC 9740

1. WILL BE PLEASED TO DO BEST WE CAN TO ASSIST FARRIS.  
HOWEVER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE APPOINTMENTS, ESPECIALLY  
ON SHORT NOTICE, AND WE TRUST FARRIS APPRECIATES THIS.

2. AS STATE/COMMERCE AWARE, NIGERIAN OFFICIALS AT  
POLICY AND EVEN RESPONSIBLE WORKING LEVELS THINLY  
STRETCHED. PRIORITY CLAIMS ON THEIR TIME MAKE IT DIFFICULT  
TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ON  
SHORT NOTICE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SOMETIMES JUST NOT  
AVAILABLE. THIS APPLIES WITH EMPHASIS AT THIS TIME TO  
OFFICIALS DEALING WITH PETROLEUM WHO ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH  
CONTINUING PARTICIPATION DISCUSSIONS AND INFLUX OF  
POTENTIAL CRUDE BUYERS AS WELL AS NORMAL ROUTINE.

3. IT USUALLY HELPS IF VISITOR AND/OR EMBASSY LAYS  
FOUNDATION FOR APPOINTMENT BY WRITING TO APPROPRIATE  
OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE OF VISIT, OFFERING DETAILS ABOUT  
VISITOR AND HIS FIRM AND DESCRIBING IN OUTLINE KIND  
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OF PROPOSITION OR TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED. IF HE HAS

NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND IF TIME PERMITS, MR. FARRIS  
MAY WISH TO ADDRESS LETTER TO F.R.A. MARINHO, CHAIRMAN,  
NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY, P.M.B. 12650, LAGOS.

4. FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES AND AS APPROPRIATE TRANSMITTAL TO  
FMG WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON SIZE AND  
ACTIVITY TEXAS CITY REFINING (NOT LISTED IN OUR EDITION  
OF OIL AND PETROLEUM YEARBOOK, ALTHOUGH SHOWN IN OIL AND  
GAS JOURNAL WITH CAPACITY 60,000 B/D). WOULD ALSO BE  
HELPFUL TO HAVE INDICATION OF QUANTITIES OF CRUDE IN  
WHICH FARRIS MIGHT BE INTERESTED. WE ASSUME CRUDE IS  
FOR TEXAS CITY'S OWN USE.

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